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To: Subst. House Bill No. 6427

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**"AN ACT CONCERNING PROGRAMS TO ADDRESS THE  
TEACHER SHORTAGE."**

1 After the last section, add the following and renumber sections and  
2 internal references accordingly:

3 "Sec. 501. Subsection (d) of section 10-16p of the general statutes is  
4 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*  
5 *passage*):

6 (d) The Commissioner of Education, in consultation with the  
7 Commissioner of Social Services, shall establish a competitive grant  
8 program to provide spaces in accredited or approved school readiness  
9 programs for eligible children who reside in an area served by a  
10 priority school or a former priority school as provided in this  
11 subsection. A town in which such a school is located or a regional  
12 school readiness council, pursuant to subsection (c) of section 10-16r,

13 for a region in which such a school is located may apply for such a  
14 grant in an amount not to exceed one hundred thousand dollars per  
15 priority school or former priority school. Eligibility shall be  
16 determined for a five-year period based on an applicant's designation  
17 as having a priority school for the initial year of application, except  
18 that if an applicant receives a grant pursuant to this subsection for a  
19 school that is no longer designated a priority school at the end of such  
20 five-year period due to school redistricting to reduce racial, ethnic and  
21 economic isolation, such applicant with a former priority school shall  
22 continue to be eligible to receive a grant pursuant to this subsection.  
23 Grant awards shall be made annually contingent upon available  
24 funding and a satisfactory annual evaluation. The chief elected official  
25 of such town and the superintendent of schools of the school district or  
26 the regional school readiness council shall submit a plan, as described  
27 in subsection (c) of this section, for the expenditure of such grant funds  
28 to the Department of Education. In awarding grants pursuant to this  
29 subsection, the commissioner shall give preference to applications  
30 submitted by regional school readiness councils and may, within  
31 available appropriations, provide a grant in excess of one hundred  
32 thousand dollars to towns with two or more priority schools in such  
33 district. A town or regional school readiness council awarded a grant  
34 pursuant to this subsection shall use the funds to purchase spaces for  
35 such children from providers of accredited or approved school  
36 readiness programs."